

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to human fibroblast growth factor (hFGF-20), and to variants thereof and to polynucleotides encoding FGF-20. The invention also relates to diagnostic and therapeutic agents related to the polynucleotides and proteins, including probes and antibodies, to methods of treating neuronal degenerative disease such as Parkinson's disease and to methods of treating disorders of the cochlea including those causing hearing loss. The invention also relates to rat fibroblast growth factor (rFGF-20), and to variants thereof and polynucleotides encoding rFGF-20.

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